Production Plan of ONGC

5496. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission is reviewing the production of oil and gas plans;

(b) if so, the foreign exchange required for the execution of the remaining projects envisaged in the Eighth Plan;

(c) the foreign exchange loan tied up with World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japan; and

(d) to what extent, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been able to revive to production plan in view of the foreign exchange crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Production plan are constantly monitored and reviewed.

(b) the 8th Plan is still to be finalised.

(c) The World Bank has approved a loan of US $ 450 million for the Gas Flaring Reduction Project.

(d) ONGC are implementing a number of new oil & gas field development projects, such as Neelam, Mukta & Panna, and are undertaking projects for enhancing oil recovery from the L-II and L-III reservations of Bombay High. ONGC have also proposed the Ravva and Gandhar oil and gas field development projects.

Production of Oil and Gas in Karnataka

5497. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of crude oil and natural gas in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has prepared plans for strengthening the old and new oil wells to improve production;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure involved; and

(d) the results expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GA AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There is no production of oil /gas in Karnataka.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Rural Electrification in Lalganj, Uttar Pradesh

5498. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for the rural electrification in Lalganj region in Uttar Pradesh has been conducted or proposed to be conducted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c): The Rural Electrification Programmes are formulated and executed by the respective State Electricity Boards. District-wise rural electrification activities are undertaken by the State Electricity Boards according to the priority fixed by the state authorities. The information for village electrification is maintained by State Electricity Boards district-wise. As per the information available, out of a total of 4,939 inhabited villages in Azamgarh District (including Lalganj Parliamentary Constitu-